



Abbey Lane Primary School

Summer 1 2024-25 Newsletter

Happy Summer Term!

The Easter holidays flew by, but from what I've heard while chatting with children across school this week there were lots of exciting trips, holidays and activities. Our children are incredibly fortunate to have access to such a range of experiences.

Although this is a shorter term with a few four-day weeks there are still plenty of exciting events planned – the Y3 Egyptian Day later this term is always a highlight!

It's also a significant term for our Y6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs which take place the week beginning 12th May. This can be a stressful time but our fantastic Y6 team are brilliant at helping the children feel calm and confident. Our Y6s are an amazing group and I have every faith that they'll approach the assessments with determination and do their very best.

As always thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another term filled with learning, growth and memorable moments for the children.

Mr Calcutt

Reception Places for September

We currently have a limited number of Reception places available for children due to start school in September 2025. If you would like further information or to arrange a visit with Mr Calcutt, please contact the school on 0114 2745054 or email us at enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Visit dates are as follows:

- **Tuesday 6th May** at 4.00pm
- **Wednesday 7th May** at 1.30pm
- **Friday 9th May** at 9.30am

If you have friends or family whose child hasn't yet been placed at a school or who may be reconsidering their current allocation please do pass this message on. We'd be delighted to welcome them for a visit and to share what makes Abbey Lane such a special place to learn. If none of the dates above are suitable just get in touch and we'll be happy to arrange an alternative date.

Woodseats Mural

You may have noticed the fantastic new mural on the side of the house on Abbey Lane near the school entrance. Organised by *This is Woodseats* as part of their project to enhance our local area the mural has been painted by artist Vicky Scott who has done a brilliant job. It's a huge improvement on the previously graffiti-covered wall. Once the mural is complete, Vicky will be applying a protective anti-graffiti coating. Before starting the project, she visited school to meet with our school council, who helped contribute ideas for the mural's design with our school sitting right in the centre. The children have really enjoyed seeing the artwork develop day by day.



Lost Property

Each day a variety of lost property items are gathered from around school and the playground – including coats, clothing, PE bags, lunchboxes, book bags and more. We do our best to return these to their rightful owners but it's much easier when items are clearly labelled with the child's name. This is just a gentle reminder to please ensure your child's belongings are named. Thank you for your continued support.

Woodseats Festival Art Competition

Would you like your artwork to be seen all over Woodseats? This year Woodseats Art Festival will once again use the winning piece of art in their poster competition to advertise the event.

The theme this year is "Festival of Flowers" and all Spring, garden and nature or environment-themed art is welcome. All entries must be on an A4 piece of paper and have your full name, year group and school name on the back.

Please send all pieces to the school office by Wednesday 7th May.



Vacancies

We still have vacancies at our lovely school so, if you, or someone you know, is interested in supporting our Breakfast Club, or becoming a teacher at Abbey Lane, please follow the link below. Our school really is a happy, fantastic place to work and is full of amazing children giving you the best job satisfaction possible.

Breakfast Club Playworker –

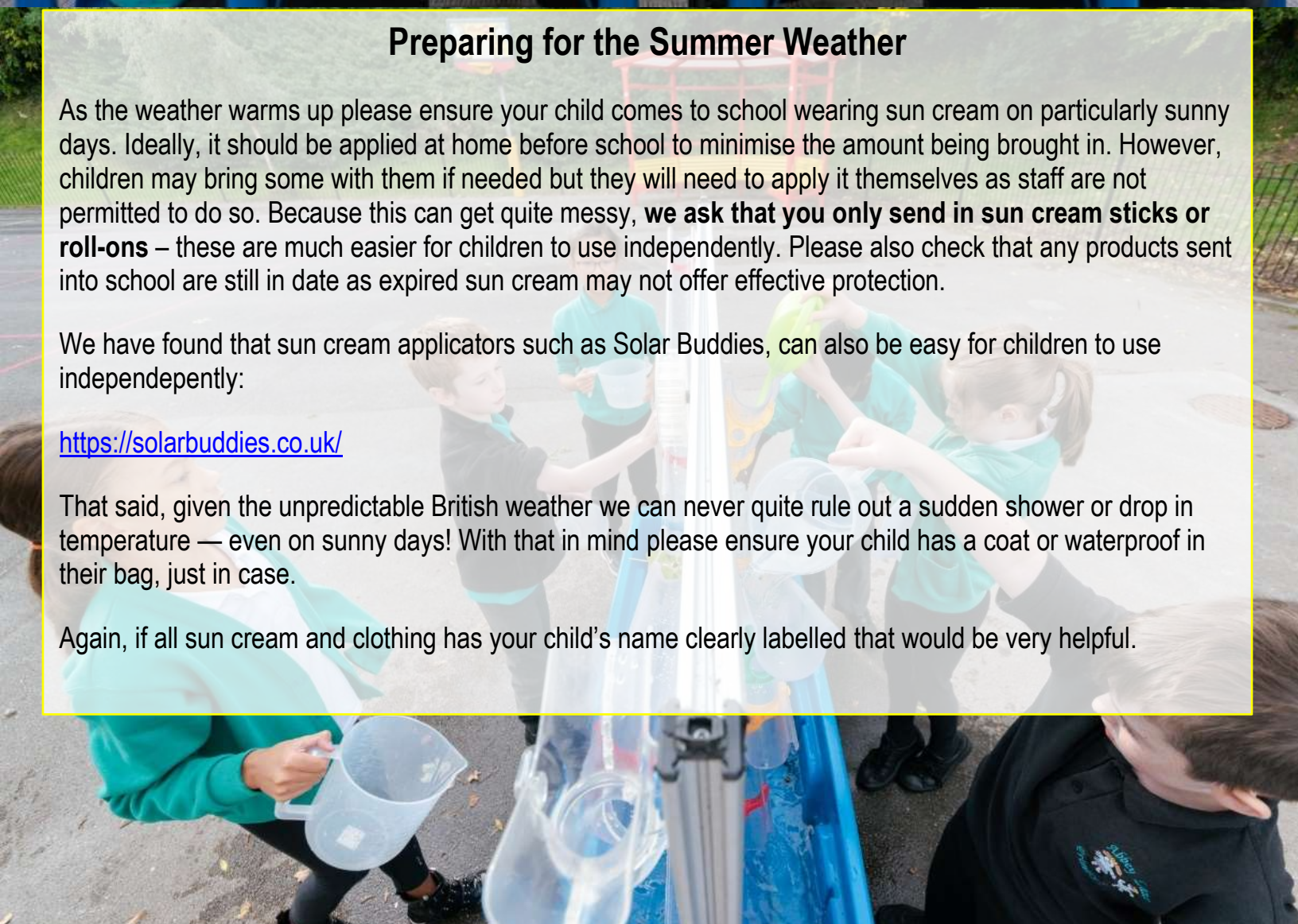
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Full Time Teacher –

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Part Time Teacher –

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Preparing for the Summer Weather

As the weather warms up please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream on particularly sunny days. Ideally, it should be applied at home before school to minimise the amount being brought in. However, children may bring some with them if needed but they will need to apply it themselves as staff are not permitted to do so. Because this can get quite messy, **we ask that you only send in sun cream sticks or roll-ons** – these are much easier for children to use independently. Please also check that any products sent into school are still in date as expired sun cream may not offer effective protection.

We have found that sun cream applicators such as Solar Buddies, can also be easy for children to use independently:

<https://solarbuddies.co.uk/>

That said, given the unpredictable British weather we can never quite rule out a sudden shower or drop in temperature — even on sunny days! With that in mind please ensure your child has a coat or waterproof in their bag, just in case.

Again, if all sun cream and clothing has your child's name clearly labelled that would be very helpful.

Sponsored Walk

Mrs Hibberd has organised a staff sponsored walk of the Edale Skyline to take place on 7th June to help raise funds for our playground development. We currently have 14 members of staff signed up to take on the 21 mile challenge and we would love it if we could get as many donations as possible. The gofundme link is below so please click on that to make your donation – anything is welcome!

<https://gofund.me/5f542367>



Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for the Summer term. There may be more details for some of these events sent out closer to the time. There will also be some dates that don't appear on this list as they haven't been finalised yet.

Wednesday 16 th April 2025	Y4 Parent Meeting – Multiplication and Times Tables Check (4.30 – 5.30)
Friday 18 th April 2025	Good Friday – children not in school
Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Monday – children not in school
Thursday 24 th April 2025	Neurodiversity and Anxiety parent training
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday – children not in school
Monday 12 th May 2025 – Thursday 15 th May 2025	Y6 SATs
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Y5R trip to Millenium Gallery
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Y5HL trip to Millenium Gallery
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y5BF trip to Millenium Gallery
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y3 Egyptian Day
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Y6 road safety session
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Musical Evening – Elegance and Yang Hearnshaw students
Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June 2025	Y1 trip to Cleethorpes (children to be in school for 8.15am)
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	Y2 Skipping festival
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 26 th June 2025	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 4 th July 2025	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	New Reception (September 2025) Parent Meeting